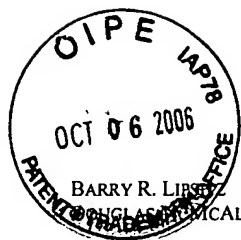


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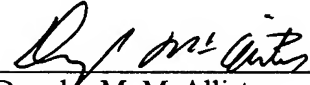
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This Response is responsive to the Office Action mailed on July 11, 2006. Claims 40-80 are pending.

As a preliminary matter Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courteous and productive telephone interview held on September 12, 2006, the details of which are provided below.

Claims 40-44, 46, 47, 49-51, 53-62, 67-71, 73-76, and 79 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Saito (US 6,243,018).

Claims 40-43, 67-69, and 78 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Maeckel (WO 03/007450).

Claim 52 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito in view of Pope (US 5,541,803).

Claims 45 and 63-66 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maeckel in view of Pope.

Claim 48 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito in view of McCarthy (US 3,956,726).